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E. O. 11652: NA TAGS: SHUM, PINT, RP

SUBJECT: LOPEZ AND OSMENA ESCAPE TO LOS ANGELES

- 1. MANILA BROADCAST MEDIA REPORTING THIS EVENING(OCTOBER 2) THAT DETAINEES EUGENIO LOPEZ, JR., AND SERGE OSMENA III (DETAINED SINCE DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW ON CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT MARCOS) HAVE ESCAPED FROM DETENTION AND ARE NOW IN LOS ANGELES. RADIO REPORTS THEY APPARENTLY FLEW TO HONG KONG BY SMALL PLANE, THEN BY JAPAN AIRLINES TO LOS ANGELES. THEY ARE REPORTEDLY IN JAL CUSTODY PENDING INS HEARING MONDAY MORNING. REPORT IMPLIED THAT LOPEZ BROTHER-IN-LAW, AMCIT STEVE PSINAKIS, WAS INVOLVED IN ESCAPE. PRESIDENT MARCOS REPORTEDLY WAS INFORMED OF ESCAPE "SUNDAY."
- 2. WE HAVE INFORMATION FROM LOPEZ FAMILY SOURCE THIS EVENING THAT ESCAPE TOOK PLACE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. SOURCE EXPRESSED BELIEF ESCAPE WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH GOP CONNIVANCE.

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3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAD NO FOREKNOWLEDGE OF ESCAPE, NOR ANY INFORMATION THAT PSINAKIS HAS BEEN IN THE PHILIPPINES (WE SPECULATE THAT HE MAY HAVE FACILITATED ESCAPE FROM HONG KONG). FROM OUR KNOWLEDGE OF DETENTION FACILITIES, WE FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ESCAPE COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT GOP COMPLICITY. WENZEL

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